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37 CFR § 1.116**

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 16 and claim 16 has been canceled. Claims 20 and 22 have been amended to correct their dependencies in view of the cancellation of claim 16.

Claims 45 and 56 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 58 and claim 58 has been canceled.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-15, 17-26, 45-57, and 59-66 will remain in the application.

Interview Summary

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Abrishamkar during a telephonic interview with Applicant's undersigned representative on January 18, 2007. During that interview, the Examiner and Applicant's undersigned representative reached agreement that the subject matter of claim 16 differentiates from the prior art of record. The Examiner agreed to reconsider the rejections if the subject matter of claim 16 (not limited by claim 15) were incorporated into the independent claims. Applicant has accordingly amended independent claims 1, 14, 45 and 56, and such reconsideration is requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-26 and 45-66 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kamper (US 6,654,797) in view of Linehan et al. (US 5,495,533). In view of the amendments to independent claims 1, 14, 45, and 56, the claimed methods and systems are believed to differentiate over the systems of Kamper and Linehan et al., taken separately or together. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any further questions or concerns regarding the patentability of the claims as now presented, he is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

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